

Sept. 27, 2010

**SAQMMA10R0400  
AMENDMENT A001  
Site Lighting Upgrade/Construction, Bogota, Colombia  
Questions and Answers**

**Department of State 2010 Construction Services for U.S. Embassy Bogota, Colombia**

**Notice of Solicitation of Submissions for Contractor Pre-Qualification Packages**

This project is advertised as a full and open competition. Below are some questions received from the contractors and the answers.

1. *QUESTION. Is this process for SAQMMA-10-R0400: Department of State 2010 Construction Services for Bogota, Colombia restricted to the US firms or Colombian companies could participate and bid?*

ANSWER. This solicitation is full and open to all contractors. We strongly encourage the local Colombian firms as well as the US companies to participate.

2. *QUESTION. We are a local Colombian company and want to have the option to participate in the referenced solicitation. How can we schedule a meeting to know in depth the project and start to work in the proposal?*

ANSWER. There is no need for a meeting. Just follow the instruction posted on the US Embassy website to submit your pre-qualification package to me by the designated date.

3. *QUESTION. We are a US company whose primary focus is projects in Central and South America, but focusing primarily in Colombia. This project will be our initial attempt to secure a contract with the US government as our past ventures have been strictly private, commercial construction ventures.*

*Are US companies seeking to participate in this project restricted from utilizing foreign associates as a prime sub-contractor? If not, can this associate be included in the pre-qualification?*

ANSWER. To answer your question, the US companies seeking to participate in this project are not restricted from utilizing foreign associates as a prime sub-contractor, we are not evaluating your sub-contracting plans, and you can use any company as a subcontractor. But our contract is going to be with your company as a prime contractor, and the US Government will hold you responsible for the performance under this contract.

4. *QUESTION. How to access the pre-qualification solicitation in FedBizOpps?*

ANSWER. When you find the solicitation number SAQMMA10R0400, please click on it, this is a link which will take you to the full text of the solicitation which includes the pre-qualification requirements.

REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATIONS must be submitted in writing to Alla Weinstein by email at [weinsteinal@state.gov](mailto:weinsteinal@state.gov).

For a full explanation of the qualification requirements, and prequalification package content and submission, please review the document at the following Website: <http://www.fbo.gov/>. In the "Keyword/Solicitation #" space of the web page type **SAQMMA10R0400**, click "Search" and follow the steps to get all the amendments.

**ALL SUBMISSIONS of the PRE-QUALIFICATION PACKAGES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 3:00 P.M. Eastern Time October 14, 2010.**